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Commencement 2000

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume to Address Graduates

Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will address University of Maryland's Class of 2000 at Commencement ceremonies Thursday, May 25 at 9 a.m. in Cole Student Activities Building. Mfume, already the recipient of seven honorary doctoral degrees, is being granted an honorary doctorate of public service from the university.

Joining Mfume in addressing the graduates is Mona Siddiqui, student speaker and recipient of the University Medal. An honorary doctor of public service degree is being presented to James C.Y. Soong, Taiwan's first and last elected principal governor (1993-98).

Individual college and school graduation ceremonies will be taking place on Wednesday evening and following Commencement on Thursday. For more information about those events and for other Commencement activities, visit the Web site www.maryland.edu.

In 1996, Kweisi Mfume gave up his seat in the U.S. Congress, where he had represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District for a decade, to become president and chief executive officer of the NAACP. Since assuming leadership of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, Mfume has



Kweisi Mfume

raised the standards and expectations of NAACP branches nationwide, and has worked with the NAACP volunteers across the country to help usher in a new generation of civil rights advocacy.

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Six Faculty Named Distinguished Scholar-Teachers

In recognition of outstanding teaching and research, six of the university's finest faculty, considered leaders in scholarship and teaching, recently were chosen Distinguished Scholar-Teachers: Patricia Alexander, Robert Denno, Bruce Golden, Linda Kauffman, Chris Lobb and Stephen Marcus. Each received \$5,000 to support instructional and scholarly activities, and each will present a lecture next spring as part of the annual Distinguished Scholar-Teacher lecture series.

Patricia Alexander is a professor in the College of Education's department of human development. Since joining the faculty in 1995, she has provided leadership to the department's educational psychology specialization, resulting in the specialization becoming one of the premier programs in the country, says department chair Stephen Porges.

"What distinguishes Dr. Alexander from many in the academy is that there is no clear distinction between her teaching and

her research," says Porges. "In effect, she researches what she teaches and teaches what she researches."

Alexander has consistently been rated as one of the most prolific researchers in educational psychology. Her teaching evaluations are always among the highest in the department and in the College of Education, says Porges. He notes her outstanding teacher reputation has spread among undergraduates to the point that her courses fill within the first few hours of registration.

"As someone nationally recognized for research in learning and teaching, and entrusted with the responsibility of preparing tomorrow's public school teachers and university professors, I believe it is essential for me to be an effective model of good teaching," says Alexander. "In my classes, students will inevitably learn as much from what I do as what I say."

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Thomas to Retire after 27 Years

On January 31, 2001, while the university erupts in its annual post-Winterterm flurry of activity at the advent of another semester, the Division of Student Affairs will be marking the end of a stellar era.

That is the day Vice President William L. Thomas, affectionately known as Bud, will bid his Student Affairs and campus colleagues a fond farewell after 27 years at the helm of that division. "My life here at Maryland has been so full. It has been a privilege and a delight to serve this institution and watch it grow into a truly remarkable place," says Thomas. "I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life, but the University of Maryland will always hold a special place in my life and my heart."

Thomas came to the University of Maryland in 1972 to serve as director of resident life. After a little more than a year, he accepted the position of vice president of student affairs and began to redefine and restructure it into one of the most respected student affairs divisions in the country. He has received numerous professional citations, most recently the Fred Turner Award for outstanding service, which is awarded by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

"Much of what we brag about today at this university, including our healthy climate for diversity and our strong sense of ethics, can be credited to Bud's commitment to the highest standards for all aspects of campus life," says President Dan Mote. "I know the campus joins me in saluting him."

As the head of student affairs, Thomas has overall responsibility for 15 departments that touch all of campus, including Visitor Services, Dining Services, the University Health Center, Resident Life, Judicial Programs, Campus Parking, Orientation, Commuter Affairs and the Stamp Student Union. During his tenure, he has overseen residence hall renovation, the introduction of the shuttle service, and the dramatic expansion of campus programs, recreation and health services.

Thomas is a well-respected, well-known figure on campus. With his avuncular style, he has guided and mentored many faculty, staff and students through the years. As a member of the President's Cabinet, he also serves as a chief adviser to Mote. And recently Thomas earned praise as the captain of the university's newest tradition, Maryland Day.

Thomas, who announced his retirement last week, has not finalized his post-Maryland plans. However, the speculation among those who know him well is that his newly augmented leisure time will involve golf, writing poetry and reading—as well as a continued keen interest in the university.

"I am so proud of the Division of Student Affairs," reflects Thomas. "There is such a wealth of talent, creativity and expertise. The success of student affairs is not about one person; it's about a team of great people from all campus divisions who place a priority on supporting each other and working cooperatively. And I have no doubt this tradition of excellence will continue long after I've retired from my office."

In a campus-wide e-mail, Mote announced he will soon take the first steps in a national search for Thomas' successor.

—JEAN F. REUTER



Bud Thomas

New Research Center to Help Refine State's School Assessment Programs

To help ensure the long-term viability of the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) and other state-wide testing programs, the Maryland State Department of Education has turned to the analytical expertise of a new research center at the College of Education.

As part of a three-year, \$900,000 contract, the Maryland Assessment Research Center for Education Success (MARCES) will provide objective, independent evaluation of the assessment programs and help the state collect the kind of data needed to make informed decisions about the future of its testing initiatives.

"The center will help us ensure that state testing programs will benefit from the most current research available," says State Superintendent of Schools Nancy Grasmick. "Maryland's testing programs are among the nation's best and we need to maintain that quality and integrity through partnerships such as this."

MARCES will conduct both basic and applied research aimed at developing best practices for the use of testing in school improvement efforts. To be staffed by experts in the design, development, implementation and analysis of assessment programs, the center will offer specialized technical assistance on a range of assessment issues.

Additionally, the center will draw on the faculty expertise of Maryland's nationally ranked department of measurement, statistics and evaluation where it will be housed. The center is also home to one of the nation's most respected assessment projects, the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation, which has the premier national database of the most current knowledge on assessment methods and practices.

"This new center is a fine example of how the capabilities of a major research university can provide the expertise and knowledge to help address some of our state's most pressing needs for educational improvement," says Edna Mora Szymanski, College of Education dean. "We are committed to working together with state and county education agencies to help Maryland children receive the best education possible."

While MSDE is the center's first client, its research and evaluation services will also be available to other public, private and corporate education organizations.

"Many organizations are struggling to find ways to make their education programs better," says Robert Lissitz, chair of the university's measurement and statistics department. "Well constructed and implemented assessment programs can be part of the answer."

For MSDE, the center will conduct critical analyses of various aspects of the state testing program to provide information that can help with test development and policy decisions associated with testing. "They need to know what works, what doesn't, and how to make things happen. That requires data and that's where we come in," says Lissitz.

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—Edna Szymanski, Dean, College of Education

Destler: Dual Dean, Single Mission

William Destler has been playing a different role for the university since July 1 as vice president for research and dean of graduate studies. The former dean of engineering's dual responsibilities now include facilitating research activities and continuing to improve the visibility of Graduate Studies, which he says go hand and hand.

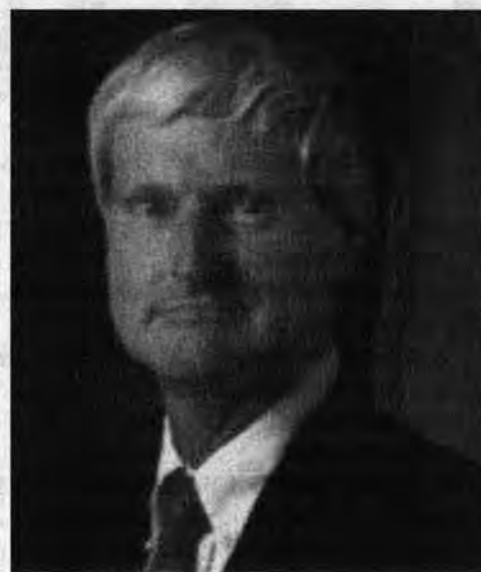
President Mote created Destler's position for two reasons. First, he recognized that universities across the country have such a position and that it was needed here. Second, he felt it was important to have a cabinet-level official overseeing graduate instruction and research opportunities.

Destler plans to concentrate on raising the visibility of the Graduate Studies program. "We're making a big push to enhance the marketing of our graduate programs," he says. In improving the marketing of Graduate Studies, Destler says more applicants will apply, in turn raising the level of competition and the quality of students at the university. This year graduate applications are up 10 percent, the largest increase in several years.

For research at the university, Destler points to Research Review Day, which brings industry and government to campus. He says that kind of event should be continued and expanded to build on successful joint ventures. "Hopefully by next year we'll be able to have a campus Research Review Day," he says. The event began as something confined to electrical engineering, and this year expanded to include four departments. But the event still involves mostly information technology-related departments. Destler says other units could be incorporated in the future, such as physical, behavioral, social and biological sciences.

Destler was selected from a pool of national applicants last spring, but did not officially begin his duties until July. During that time, he served as interim vice president for University Advancement.

"We conducted a rigorous and thorough national search for this crucial position, and we were fortunate to find the best person already among us at the university," Mote said in announcing the appointment. Destler has been with the university since 1973, when he did his post-doctoral work with the Elec-



William Destler

tron Ring Accelerator Group. He became a full professor of engineering in 1985, and rose to department chair by 1986. Starting in 1994, he served as dean of engineering for five years.

"Because I have been here for so long, I do understand the university's strengths and weaknesses," Destler says. "I have a real understanding of the needs and difficulties of operating here as a faculty member and graduate student."

As a lifelong teacher, Destler says he can add a little "elbow grease" to his office by creating a more supportive environment for faculty and students. "I miss it very much," he says about working one-on-one with students. He hopes to return to teaching in some capacity, possibly volunteering to instruct a course in the fall.

As vice president in the president's cabinet, Destler reports to Mote on research opportunities. When dealing with issues relating to Graduate Studies, he reports to Provost Gregory Geoffrey. Destler says the relationship sounds complicated, but it's really not.

"The most important thing is that [Geoffrey] and I are great friends, which makes it easier," Destler says he has also developed a comfortable working relationship with Mote.

—DAVID ABRAMS

Get in the Habit of Checking Ouch! Web Site

Between now and the end of June, construction is expected to begin on three major campus projects that will disrupt traffic and parking as well as introduce noise, dust and construction traffic on the north and south ends of campus for the next several years. All members of the university community should begin making a habit now of checking the OUCH! Web site at www.inform.umd.edu/Ouch/ for timely updates of construction activities.

In the last week of May and early June, fencing and road closures will occur on the north side of campus for the new Comcast Center. On the south end, there will be fencing and pedestrian closures in the area of new student housing to be built beside Knox Road, as well as fencing, traffic pattern changes and the closure of Colonnade Drive and two parking lots for the addition to the Robert H. Smith School of Business in Van Munching Hall.

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But good teaching does not begin or end at the doors of the classroom, she says. "Effective teaching is also effective mentoring, and that occurs as often outside the classroom as inside," says Alexander.

Robert Denno, in addition to being considered one of the most distinguished faculty in the department of entomology, also is one of the top five insect ecologists in the United States. The entomology professor is well known throughout the world as a leader in the area of insect population dynamics and plant-insect-natural enemy interactions.

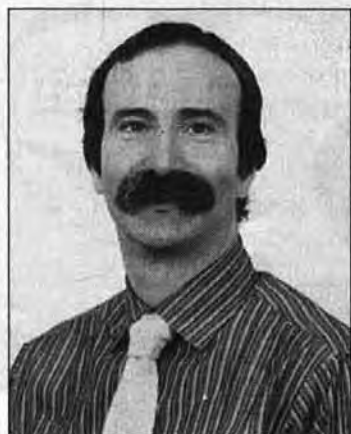
"What makes Dr. Denno stand out as an instructor is his remarkable ability to engage the imagination of students at all levels to the process of scientific inquiry and convey an unbridled



Patricia Alexander



Robert Denno



Bruce Golden

enthusiasm for the study of insects," says entomology professor and chair Michael Raupp. "He has set a benchmark for training students, particularly graduate students, that could serve as a model for all faculty on this campus."

Denno has been a faculty member at Maryland since 1976, serving as a full professor since 1985. He is known both in the United States and abroad as a leading field and theoretical ecologist. He also ranks as one of the world's foremost authorities on the ecology and population dynamics of planthopper insects, a group that includes some of the most devastating of major agricultural pests.

Denno says his overall programmatic goal is to create an internationally recognized program in population ecology with both basic and applied components. "I have tried to develop a balanced approach which blends excellence and visibility of research with enthusiasm toward instruction and the rigorous training of students at all levels," he says.

Bruce Golden is professor in the decision and information technologies department of the Robert H. Smith School of Business. He is widely regarded as one of the top 10 scholars in the fields of vehicle routing, logistics and distribution management, and heuristic search. From 1980 to 1996 he chaired the department of management science in the School of Business.

An affiliate full professor in the civil engineering department since 1993, Golden also has been an active member of the applied mathematics faculty since the 1970s. In both of these areas, he has interacted with students, teaching core courses, sponsoring reading course and independent studies, or defining research topics.

"A remarkable strength of Bruce's research is a unique flair for identifying innovative applied research problems," says Arjang Assad, professor and chair of decision and information technologies. "He has worked in such diverse areas as natural resources management, census data confidentiality and intelligent highway systems."

In 1998 Golden was honored with the France-Mer-

rick Chair in Management Science, one of the first chaired professorships in the business school, and the first one to recognize leadership in management science research. That same year, he was named one of the Lilly-Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Fellows. In 1996 he was selected one of five Distinguished Faculty Research Fellows.

English professor and feminist critic **Linda Kauffman** came to the university in 1988 as an assistant professor, earning full professor status in 1991. She also is an affiliate faculty member in both women's studies and comparative literature.

In the classroom, she has gained a reputation as a fearless and demanding teacher, teaching exciting and challenging courses to students. While her students evaluate her classes as extremely difficult, they rate her as superb, says fellow English professor David Wyatt.

"Time and again, a student will say the best course he has had is Kauffman's Feminist Theory course," says English professor Donna Hamilton. "Women students say this, too, but it is the men who impress me the most, because their comments surprise me the most."

If she is considered a role model by her students, Kauffman says it is "not by my gender or my field, but as an exemplar of being committed to a life in school—not as the teacher but as the student."

From 1988 to 1991 she designed and implemented a three-year lecture series on critical theory that brought numerous internationally celebrated critics to campus, such as Edward Said and Eve Sedgwick, who not only gave public lectures but also conducted colloquia with graduate students.

Physics professor **Chris Lobb** is recognized as one of the most effective and engaging teachers in the physics department and has been an active part of the entire educational process, including course and program development. He chaired the department undergraduate education committee and led the effort to introduce alternative tracks to the physics curriculum.

According to physics

department chair Jordan Goodman, Lobb is one of the department's leading researchers. In 1998, Lobb was named co-inventor of the year by the Office of Technology Liaison for his work on a microscope which uses a single electron transistor to find microscopic flaws in microchips that are otherwise undetectable.

Lobb is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including Outstanding Teacher, the Maryland Center for Teaching Excellence Award (1994); the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching (1995) and a Certificate of Teaching Excellence (1997).

Lobb says he lectures with high energy, mixing in comments and asides which have been called "off the wall" and "bizarre," but which are always mentioned positively in student evaluations. He also encourages students to call him or come by at any time if they have questions. "In short, I do everything I can think of to convince them that their learning is important to me."

Professor **Stephen Marcus**, of the Institute for Systems Research (ISR), is a world class scholar who has made fundamental and distinguished contributions in research, teaching and education activities, as well as service to the university and the professional community. "In every aspect, he is a true gem for our university," says Gary Rubloff, director of the ISR in the A. James Clark School of Engineering.

Marcus has made fundamental research contributions on a variety of problems in the area of systems and control theory, which have been recognized through his election as a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

In terms of teaching, he consistently scores among the top three faculty members in the department for the quality of his classroom teaching as measured by the students' teaching evaluations. "Part of the reason for this is his unabashed enthusiasm for teaching," says Rubloff. "I have often seen him trudging along to or from class, dragging his laptop and other audiovisual equipment, a smile on his face, followed often by his description of how exciting



Linda Kauffman



Chris Lobb



Stephen Marcus

his class is going, and implicitly how much he loves teaching."

Former students speak of how well-organized and prepared Marcus always was for class. And, while other teachers are good at presenting facts without much connection to any intuition, "Dr. Marcus would teach us in a way that would paint clear mental pictures of the things we were learning," says former student Barry Chen.

Marcus also receives high marks for his contributions to the department. "He is one of a handful of faculty members in a department of 63 who consistently gets involved with education related matters and makes every effort to contribute to advancing the department forward," says Nariman Farvardin, professor and chair of the electrical and computer engineering department.

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Your Guide to University Events

300 Years of Piano with The Piano Choir and Jazz Legend Billy Taylor

The Piano Choir, an eight-person jazz ensemble of master pianists, will perform on Saturday, June 3 at 8 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. Joined by jazz legend Billy Taylor, and led by music director Stanley Cowell, the Piano Choir will highlight the 300th anniversary of the piano, with performances of classical, ragtime, jazz, Latin and contemporary styles.

The concert will delve into influences by the master European composers of piano music, such as Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Brahms. The 20th-century contributions of ragtime and jazz pianists and composers Scott Joplin, Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton, Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, James Johnson, Thomas "Fats" Waller, Art Tatum, Nat "King" Cole, Oscar Peterson, modern jazz's Bud Powell, Lennie Tristano, Phineas Newborn, Bill Evans, McCoy Tyner, Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea will be shared. The concert will also acknowledge the influences of Latin pianists, country, gospel and popular piano stylists.

All veteran keyboardists, members of the Piano Choir include Cowell, Joanne Brackeen, Nat Jones, Geoff Keezer, Mulgrew Miller, Hilton Ruiz, Sonelius Smith and James Williams. Taylor, Artistic Advisor for Jazz to the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, will join them.

Performing both individually and simultaneously on grand pianos and electric pianos, the Piano Choir blends an incredible array of harmony, melody and poly-rhythmic sounds characteristic of an orchestra. Long hailed by jazz and music critics alike as one of the most extraordinary musical and visual undertakings to ever appear before an audience, the Piano Choir is well known for its ability to expand the use of the piano to obtain a wide range of musical blends. "The instruments seem to converse with each other, sometimes huskily, sometimes lightly, and always harmoniously," the *Boston Globe* has written.

Other elements to round out the choir's sound include percussive instruments and synthesizers. According to Cowell, "We were interested in creating an expanded palette of sound from ourselves, without having a typical jazz rhythm section."

On Friday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m., members of the Piano Choir will conduct a special educational session for piano and music students at Largo High School in Largo. Students also will be given the opportunity to perform works they composed during a month-long outreach effort sponsored by the American Composers Forum, Washington, D.C., chapter.

Tickets are \$10-25 (student, senior discounts available) and can be purchased by calling the Tawes Box Office at 405-7847.



Billy Taylor

Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative Undergoes Changes

Continuous Quality Improvement, or CQI as it is more commonly known, has been an important initiative for positive change at the university since the early 1990s when a planning committee was first formed. But nearly 10 years later, it was time to assess the initiative.

At President Dan Mote's request, a committee was formed last fall to review CQI efforts at the university. Chaired by Irv Goldstein, dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the committee developed a report with recommendations that the campus seek new ways to make the quality agenda an integral component of the university's activities as well as a university-wide effort.

Under George Dieter and his staff, the CQI focus has effected positive changes throughout the university. Committee members felt it was important to build on this strong foundation and

continue the emphasis on quality and excellence as a central feature of the university culture.

To achieve these goals, and in keeping with the recommendations in the committee report, Provost Gregory Geoffroy recently announced that the current CQI unit will be separated into two distinct units defined by their different functions: the Campus Assessment Working Group (CAWG) Office and the Office for Organizational Effectiveness.

The CAWG Office will fall under the direction of Bill Spann, assistant vice president for institutional research and planning, and will work closely with the staff of the Office of Institutional Studies. The Campus Assessment Working Group itself will report jointly to Geoffroy and to William L. "Bud" Thomas, vice president for student affairs.

"Because the volunteer com-

mittees are a primary source of CAWG's effectiveness and deserve the highest level of support from the administration, I have asked assistant provost Ann Wylie to serve as chair of the Campus Assessment Working Group Steering Committee," says Geoffroy. In that capacity, she will report jointly to Geoffroy and Thomas.

According to Geoffroy, the Office for Organizational Effectiveness will assist in evaluating organizational effectiveness when requested, recommend appropriate steps and arrangements to achieve the desired goals, and help to implement proposed changes. This unit will serve as an important tool for the provost and deans in considering the effective organization of academic units. The Office of Organizational Effectiveness will be under the supervision of Wylie.

Former Governor Harry Hughes Honored by Veterinary College

The former Maryland governor who helped create the regional foundations of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine was honored when the college graduated the region's newest veterinarians during its 17th annual commencement ceremony last Friday at Virginia Tech.

The Honorable Harry Hughes was inducted into the college's John N. Dalton Society during the ceremonies. Hughes served two terms as governor of Maryland, from 1978 until 1986. He signed the official Memorandum of Understanding with the late Gov.

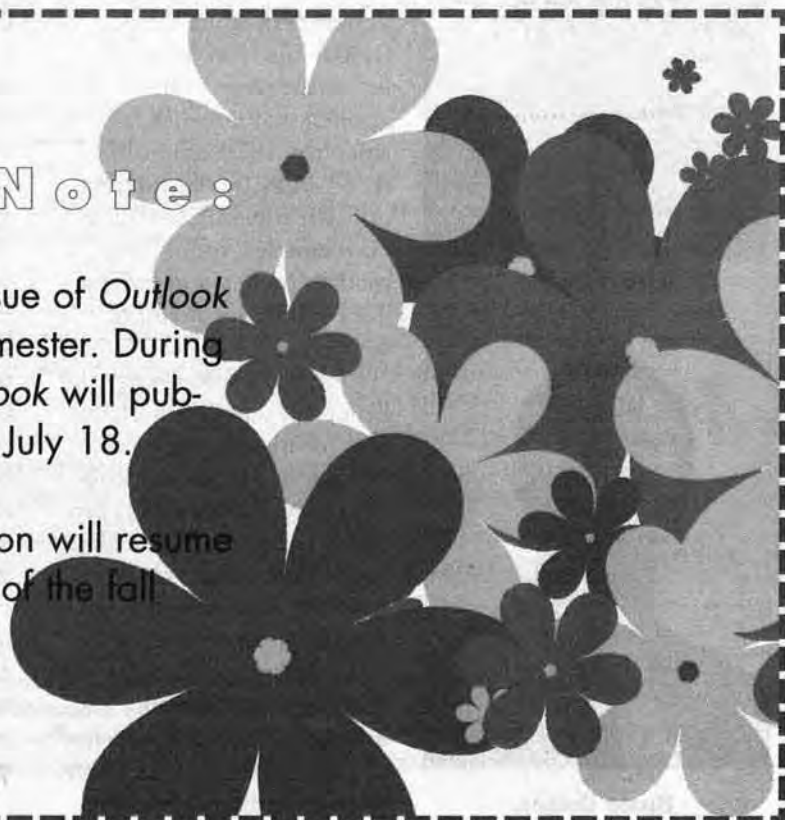
Dalton which began Maryland's official involvement with the regional veterinary college. The Dalton Society honors those who have provided distinguished service for the college.

Eighty-eight DVM degrees, one Ph.D. degree, eight M.S. degrees and five certificates of residency were awarded during the ceremony, which featured dignitaries from both Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland.

Take Note:

This is the last issue of *Outlook* for the spring semester. During the summer *Outlook* will publish June 20 and July 18.

Weekly publication will resume at the beginning of the fall semester.



Commencement 2000

Student Speaker Mona Siddiqui to Receive University Medal

Medicine is in Mona Siddiqui's blood: after all, her grandmother is a physician who owns a private clinic in Pakistan. But philosophy has also been in her head and heart.

"I couldn't imagine a college career without the opportunity to study the greater issues," says Siddiqui of her decision to major in both physiology/neurobiology and philosophy. "I really enjoy having debates with my family and friends about things like religion and politics."

During her years at Maryland, Siddiqui has actively sought and found rewarding first-hand experiences in both areas of study. On the medical front, the future neurosurgeon has volunteered at Shady Grove Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, worked as a summer teaching assistant with physically and mentally disabled children at Longview Elementary School and examined the possibility of protein synthesis in a cell's axon at the National Institutes of Health.

She also traveled to Pakistan, the birthplace of both her parents, to assist in the maternity ward of a public hospital in the city of Karachi; the images of the place still haunt her. "The conditions were awful," she remembers. "On

some days there were four women in one room giving birth at the same time, without medication."

Siddiqui wants to work in such a facility someday with the intention of improving conditions for all involved, perhaps in affiliation with the United Nations' World Health Organization. As Robert Kelly, coordinator of the Student Honor Council, says, "She tries to leave a place a little better than she found it."

Siddiqui also whetted her philosophical appetite, not only through her courses and her internship with the department of philosophy's newsletter, but also as a member of the University Honor Council. She first joined the council in 1998 and this year became vice chair. In addition to hearing students' cases, she

headed the review committee for petitions and appeals and started an Honor Council electronic journal called "Ethics Forum," in which members express their views on topics ranging from police brutality to political strife.

"I learned a lot about myself by being part of the Honor Council," says Siddiqui, "in relation to my own sense of honesty, integrity and honor. I also helped educate my peers on these standards, and learned how to deal with students who didn't live up to them."

Siddiqui has high expectations for the future. In the fall, she'll start medical school at Johns Hopkins University, and she soon plans to apply to the master's program in

public policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Wherever she goes, she hopes to be exposed to the same diversity she enjoyed at Maryland.

"I don't just mean diversity of races and backgrounds," she says, "but in terms of who we all are and where we want to go. It's one of the main reasons I chose to come here." And now, Siddiqui will leave with two of the university's highest honors.

"I can think of no better student to represent the diverse Maryland student body," says Avis Cohen, professor of biology, "whether it is by virtue of receiving the University Medal or as the featured speaker at Commencement."



NAACP President Kweisi Mfume to Address Graduates

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Mfume was born, raised and educated in Baltimore, where his political activism began. As a freshman at Morgan State University, he was editor of the student newspaper and head of the Black Student Union. After graduating magna cum laude he later returned to his alma mater as an adjunct professor, teaching courses in political science and communications. In 1984, he earned a master's degree in liberal arts, with a concentration in international studies, from Johns Hopkins University.

As Mfume's community involvement grew, so did his popularity as an activist, organizer and radio commentator. He translated that approval into a grassroots election victory

when he won a seat on the Baltimore City Council in 1979 by a margin of just three votes. During his seven years of service in local government, Mfume led the efforts to diversify city government, improve community safety, enhance minority business development and divest city funds from the apartheid government of South Africa.

In 1986, he was decisively elected to the Congressional seat that he was to hold for 10 years. Mfume's broad committee obligations included the Banking and Financial Services Committee and the ranking seat on the General Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. He also served as a member of the Committee on Education and as a senior member of the Small Business Committee. While in his third term, the

Speaker of the House chose him to serve on the Ethics Committee and Joint Economic Committee of the House and Senate, of which he later became chair.

As a member of the House of Representatives, Mfume consistently advocated landmark minority business and civil rights legislation. He successfully co-sponsored and helped to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. He authorized the minority contracting and employment amendments to the Financial Institutions Reform and Recovery Act. He strengthened Equal Credit Opportunity Law, and amended the Community Reinvestment Act in the interest of minority financial institutions. He also sponsored legislative initiatives banning assault weapons and establishing stalking as a federal

crime.

Mfume has served as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and later as the Caucus' Chair of the Task Force on Affirmative Action. During his last term in Congress, he was appointed by the House Democratic Caucus as the Vice Chairman for Communications.

Currently, Mfume serves on the Johns Hopkins University Board of Trustees, the Morgan State University Board of Regents, the Meyerhoff National Advisory Board of the University of Maryland, and the board of trustees for the Enterprise Foundation. For the last seven years, he has hosted the award-winning television show, "The Bottom Line."

Registered Investment Adviser Offers Painless Journey to Investment

Susan Laubach, a registered investment adviser and educator, author, motivational speaker, creative writing teacher and a former branch manager for a brokerage firm, is the guest speaker at the Investment Group's final meeting of the season Wednesday, May 17. Her talk, "Making Sense: A Painless Journey to Investment Enlightenment," takes place in the Special Events Room (fourth floor) of McKeldin Library. Everyone on campus is invited to attend.

In her presentation, Laubach will present an overview of current stock market conditions, develop an asset allocation model and discuss daytrading, the small cap market and other timely financial issues.

Author of the highly-acclaimed "The Whole Kitt & Caboodle," Laubach wrote the book in the form of a novel that follows the journey of Missy Kitt, a young woman studying to become a successful stockbroker at the brokerage firm of Caboodle & Company. The reader follows Kitt as she learns about the stock market, how to study companies and how to plan a portfolio.

Laubach wrote "The Whole Kit & Caboodle" from her experiences in the investment business where she worked for many years. She began in 1978 at Alex Brown & Sons in Baltimore, working as an institutional stockbroker, branch office manager, marketer and retail stockbroker. Since 1990 she has taught investment courses at the Chataqua Institute in Western New York State and appeared on CNN, National Public Radio, MSNBC and WETA.

Her other activities include having served as director of research for the Leadership Foundation/Department of the Labor Glass Ceiling Commission Mentor Program, in which she established a mentoring and training program for women. She also was a scholar at the Institute for Teaching and Research on Women at Towson University, where she wrote a book, "The Chronicles," detailing the lives of 10 successful women.

Laubach's most recent book, "Don't Lose Your Memory: Writing the Journey Journal," provides step-by-step instructions for writing travel narratives including getting started, writing notes on the road and recording post-trip impressions and reflections. It is geared toward senior travelers who want to create a unique memento that can be shared with family and preserved for generations.

The Investors Group speaker earned her Ph.D. in educational research from the University of Virginia, a M.Ed. also from Virginia, and a B.A. from the College of Notre Dame.

Lobby to be Dedicated in Honor of Tydings Family

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the university are honoring one of Maryland's historic political families and a man who was influential in the formation of the state's flagship university and university system.

The newly renovated Tydings Memorial Lobby will be dedicated in honor of the families of senators Millard E. and Joseph D. Tydings Wednesday, May 17 in Tydings Hall. Millard Tydings sponsored the bill that created the University of Maryland in 1920.

The lobby features a photo display that celebrates the history of the state and the university as well as highlighting the contributions of the Tydings family to education and politics.

Millard E. Tydings served Maryland as a state senator and later a U.S. Senator in an internationally prominent political career that spanned 30 years. A Havre de Grace native, he graduated from the Maryland Agricultural College and the University

of Maryland Law School. In 1920, he introduced a bill that combined the Maryland State College of Agriculture with the professional schools of Baltimore, forming the foundation of the University System of Maryland.

Joseph D. Tydings graduated from Maryland and the University of Maryland School of Law. He followed his father's footsteps serving the state as a member of the General Assembly and a U.S. senator from 1965 to 1971. He was a member of the university's Board of Regents for 11 years, serving as chair from 1982 to 1984, and the Board of Visitors from 1991-2000. This year he began a new term on the Board of Regents.

Tydings Hall was built in 1959, and houses the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The lobby renovations are part of a campus-wide lobby beautification program. Joseph D. Tydings, 51, and Mrs. Millard Eleanor Tydings will attend the dedication ceremony.

New Group Forms to Fight Declining Civic Knowledge and Engagement

American Youth Must Better Understand Fundamentals of Democracy and Participate More in its Institutions

Who is responsible for making sure America's youth acquire the knowledge, skills and practical experience needed to become good citizens? Some of the nation's most prominent organizations and leaders acknowledge that the challenge is too big for any one group. To increase prospects for success, they have formed a new alliance that brings together the energy of diverse groups and individuals in a coordinated effort to make the civic education of America's youth a national priority.

The National Alliance for Civic Education (NACE) was launched with more than 80 group and individual charter members, including the National Council for the Social Studies, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Campus Compact. The coalition includes representatives of elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, civic education organizations, community advocates, public officials and many others committed to advancing civic knowledge and engagement.

Formation of the coalition was spurred by the disturbing rise in civic indifference, mistrust and disengagement among young adults and by a recent report of the 1998 National Civics Assessment, which

revealed alarming deficiencies in the civic knowledge of school children. The civics assessment, conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, showed three-fourths of 4th, 8th, and 12th graders fail to exhibit a "proficient" command of civic knowledge and skills, the expected standard; and 30 percent are virtual civic illiterates, lacking a "basic" grasp of political institutions and practices.

"Our young people are idealistic and eager to serve," says William Galston, professor at the School of Public Affairs and a coordinating charter member of NACE. "If our young people are disengaged from public life, it is not they who are failing our country; it is we who are failing them, by not providing suitable opportunities for civic learning and practice, and by not sending clear messages about its importance. We believe it is time to end a generation of neglect and to give civic education its rightful place of honor in our national life."

The NACE Declaration identifies a number of key goals for the organization, including commitments to:

- Work with states and localities to strengthen their commitment to civic education.
- Seek expansion of civic education in state curriculum guidelines.
- Improve the preparation and pro-

fessional development of teachers engaged in civic education

- Make up-to-date civic teaching materials and techniques easily accessible.
- Strengthen the links between elementary and secondary education and colleges and universities around civic education and engagement.
- Work with the federal government to improve the collection and assessment of information in this area.
- Expand opportunities for young people to participate meaningfully in the civic life of their communities.

The specific programs required to achieve these goals will be developed collaboratively among alliance members in coming months. Creating an accessible forum for this deliberation is itself a core NACE objective.

There is strong evidence the American public is supportive of efforts to expand civic education. Recent surveys show the people overwhelmingly believe an intensified focus on the civic education of young people is an essential part of the response to declining civic knowledge and engagement.

A 1999 survey conducted for the Council on Excellence in Government, for example, found that 83 percent of the respondents thought civic education of young people would be "very effective" or "fairly effective" in

improving the performance of our government; 65 percent thought it would be very effective.

In another poll, conducted for the Democratic Leadership Council in 1999, 90 percent of the respondents supported "requiring democracy education in service and civics as a graduation requirement for all high school students" as a way of improving civic life. Sixty-eight percent "strongly" favored this requirement which was by a substantial margin the most favored strategy for addressing what most Americans see as a marked decline in our civic life.

While schools and post-secondary institutions are major players in civic education, young people come to understand democratic life in a number of other ways, including organized practical work in neighborhoods and communities, volunteer service activities and interactions with family and friends. NACE seeks to engage all of these groups as partners in the effort to ensure the next generation of citizens knows and values democracy and participates in the ongoing work of building democracy in America.

The efforts leading to the formation of NACE were supported in part by grants from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Smith Richardson Foundation.

UMTV Brings 'Smart Television' to Cable

What new cable station features an intelligent mix of shows—from news and public affairs programming to high tech info and cultural arts coverage? It's not CNN, CNBC or PBS, but UMTV—the new campus cable station.

Formerly the "Flagship Channel," UMTV was launched by the College of Journalism this month with a variety of new programming. Dubbed "Smart Television," the new bi-county cable operation is seen by university officials as an intellectual and cultural resource for its viewers.

UMTV is seen in more than 400,000 households in Prince George's County (Channels 32A or 30B) and Montgomery County (Channels 2, 12 or 59). The station, housed in Tawes Fine Arts Building, is being funded partly by a gift from the Richard Eaton Foundation.

"UMTV is the kind of television station only a world-class university can provide," says President Dan Mote. "It will provide a serious alternative to the mindlessness and sensationalism that all too often fill our commercial airwaves."

The station's new programming features:

- international news from the BBC
- public affairs programming from the Freedom Forum, Harvard University and Maryland's School of Public Affairs
- music, literature and art programs from PBS
- science news from the Research Channel and Smithsonian Institute
- computer and high tech programs ZDTV

The new shows will be added to the existing lineup of originally produced programming, including a public policy show hosted by university alum Len Elmore and a seniors' program featuring

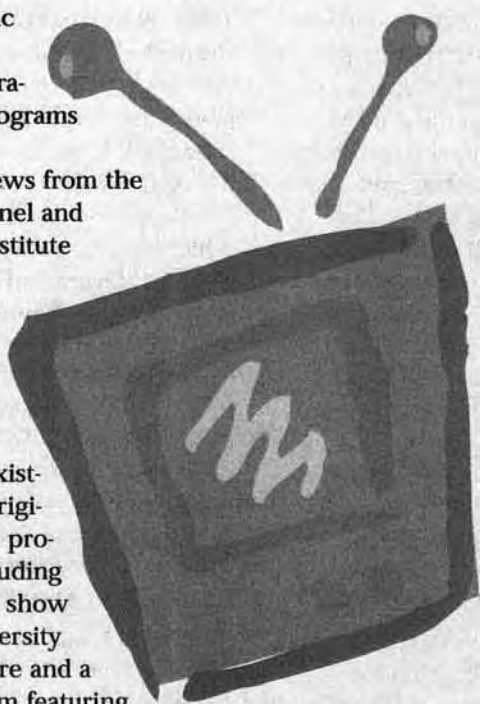
Professor Andrew Wolvin.

Thomas Kunkel, dean designate of the College of Journalism and president of UMTV, says there are plans for statewide news and public affairs shows produced by the university. Plus, the college plans to open a daily TV news bureau in Annapolis next year to provide in-depth state government coverage.

"Too much of what passes for television 'journalism' today is anything but journalism," says Kunkel. "There's an explosion of activity—in research, in the rise of high-tech, in development, in sports and culture—and UMTV aims to capture that excitement for an influential and growing audience."

Other planned campus-based shows include a literature show featuring award-winning author and professor Judith Paterson, cultural events from the new Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, a media show based on *American Journalism Review* magazine and major university events like commencement. UMTV also will produce a quarterly magazine, *UMTV Today*.

For more information, visit the UMTV Web site at umtv.umd.edu.



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The Fall 1999, Vol. 11, No. 2 issue of "Library Issues," the newsletter for **Friends of the Libraries**, won the "2000 Best of Show Competition" with the American Library Association (ALA). The newsletter featured a "dueling interview" with investors Knight Kiplinger and Lawrence Black (day trader) during which they both shared their philosophies of investing. Both Kiplinger and Black were 1999 speakers at the Investors Group, sponsored by Friends of the Libraries and the Office of Extended and Continuing Education.

The newsletter will be distributed and displayed at the upcoming ALA conference in Chicago. **Mark Walden** and **Frank Boches** helped make the issue a reality.

The Logistics and Transportation Society of the Smith School of Business has named Edward Emmett the Logistics and Transportation Person of the Year for 2000. Emmett is the president and chief operating officer of the Arlington, Va.-based National Industrial Transportation League, the nation's oldest and largest shippers' association.

R. Scott Fosler, a leader in innovations in governance, has been named visiting professor at the School of Public Affairs. With expertise in fostering public/private partnerships, Fosler also will be the first Roger C. Lipitz Senior Fellow in the Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise.

Fosler recently stepped down as president of the National Academy of Public Administration, a nonpartisan organization chartered by Congress to help improve the American system of governance.

Prior to assuming the presidency of NAPA, Fosler held several positions in the public and private sectors, including vice president and director of government studies for the Committee for Economic Development, senior staff member of the Institute of Public Administration of New York, and a staff member of the U.S. National Commission on Productivity. Fosler also was elected to two terms on the County Council of Montgomery County.

The Vertical Flight Grand Awards Banquet was held May 3 as part of the 56th annual forum of the American Helicopter Society. Each year, an international competition is held to award Vertical Flight Foundation Scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students. Only 14 scholarships were awarded this year, eight of them to students in the university's department of aerospace engineering. In the undergraduate student category **Mustapha Chehab**, **Glen Dimock** and **Jason Pereira** won scholarships. In the graduate student category

Preston Martin, **Harsha Prahlad**, **Ashish Purekar**, **Paul Samuel** and **Jayant Sirohi** were winners. These scholarships recognize the students' outstanding academic and research achievements in the field of rotary wing flight.

The Department of Resident Life recently honored its staff members for service. **Karen Luensman**, graduate administrative coordinator in Denton Hall; **Michelle McCubbin**, public inquiry coordinator, assignments; and **Cindy Threatt**, community director, Cambridge Community, each received the Employee of the Year Award.

Outstanding service awards were presented to **Dennis George**, **Tracy Kiras**, **Jeff Van Collins** and **Vanessa White**. **Laura Tomb**, coordinator for human resources received the Superlative Customer Service Award.

The department's 1999-2000 outstanding resident assistants were **Joanne Neukirchen**, Cambridge; **Shirelle Johnson**, Denton; **Mohammed "Viq" Husain**, Ellicott; **Audrik Carrasco**, Leonardtown; **Brian Jefferson**, North Hill; and **Johnine Bennett**, South Hill.

Ali Mosleh, professor and director of the Reliability Engineering Program and director of the Center for Technology Risk Studies, recently was invited to the White House to present a talk on risk assessment. The April event featured addresses by President Clinton, Secretary Daley (commerce), Secretary Summers (treasury) and Alan Greenspan (Federal Reserve), and was covered by C-SPAN. Organized by the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office, the event "initiated a national campaign to bring awareness to business leaders of the criticality of a secure internet to the economic health and security of the nation," says Mosleh. "I was invited to provide the academic perspective on use of risk assessment for securing the internet. No other professors or universities were invited."

The Office of Continuing and Extended Education (OCEE) recently won the NIH Executive Training Program award (\$238,000), beating out Wharton, American University, George Washington and Georgetown University. OCEE is partnering with the School of Public Affairs on the grant. OCEE will be the project manager and will subcontract to Public Affairs for the instruction.

According to Judith Broida, associate provost and dean of OCEE, "This is the first time NIH will be offering executive training from a central training office. Before each institute had its own approach, usually sending individuals to separate training experiences throughout the country."

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Dairy Delights

The Maryland Dairy is now open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring cones, shakes, sundaes and beverages. Stop by and bring a friend.

Come to the Dairy every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the summer, for "Lunch Off The Grill". Grilled outside will be some of your favorites...hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken. Prepay inside, pick up outside. Be sure to bring a business card to enter the Dairy's weekly drawing for a free lunch.

For more information call 405-1415.

Art & Learning Center Summer Classes

The Art and Learning Center summer brochure for adult classes is now available. Summer classes begin the weeks of June 12 and June 19 and include pottery, photography, painting, drawing, ballroom dance and yoga. All summer classes are non-credit and open to students, staff, faculty and the general public.

To receive a copy of the brochure, call 314-2787 or stop by the Art and Learning Center, room 0232 Stamp Student Union (behind the McDonald's seating area) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Electronic Workplace Notice for Mac/Unix Users

OIT is pleased to announce access to the Electronic Forms system (ELF) and the Financial Records System (FRS) for Macintosh and Unix users. Visit the following web site for further information: www.bpr.umd.edu.

Kindergarten Openings at CYC

A limited number of openings remain for kindergarten this fall at the Center for Young Children. It's a high quality program, certified by the state, in the nationally accredited center here on campus. Child must be five years old by Dec. 31.

Call Nancy Hey at 405-0107 for more details.

Solutions to the Drought in India

The Association for India's Development (AID) is hosting a discussion seeking solutions to the drought in India, by Nafisaben Barot Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m., Toll Room, Physics Building (ground floor). Barot founded Utthan (progress) in 1981 with

For more information, contact Naginin Prasad at nagini@hotmail.com or Preeti Dalal at pud@wam.umd.edu. Sustainable use of water resources is not only relevant in India right now, but also is applicable world-wide.

Some Good Advice

Letters and Sciences (L&S) seeks faculty, research associates, professional-level staff members and full-time Ph.D. students to advise up to five L&S students this fall. L&S students want to explore their academic options before declaring a major. A 2.5-hour preparation session will be offered several times this summer, along with a one-day freshman orientation event.

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for the move, University Archives will not be able to accept shipments of records after June 1, will gradually close collections to researchers and will not be able to respond to reference queries as quickly as usual.

Questions concerning the move and its impact on the Archives' services should be directed to University Archivist Anne Turkos (405-9060 or at17@umail.umd.edu).

Study Abroad Programs for Winterterm 2001

The Study Abroad Office is pleased to announce its Winterterm 2001 programs in Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany, Grenada, Israel, Mexico, England (Nottingham), Italy (Rome and Stabiae) and Vietnam. The office invites faculty and staff to share this information with their students and also to visit its Web site if interested in creating future Winterterm programs.

Complete program information can be found at www.inform.umd.edu/INTL/studyabroad.

Copenhagen from Broadway

An Act I reading of the play, "Copenhagen," currently running on Broadway with excellent press in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and elsewhere, takes place Wednesday, May 17 at 3 p.m. in room 1410, Physics Lecture Hall. A reception will follow.

"Copenhagen," by Michael Frayn, revolves around a 1941 meeting between Werner Heisenberg, who was the chief physicist at the time the German atom bomb project, and Niels Bohr, who would later be involved with the making of the Allied atom bomb. This current Broadway play deals with the uncertainties and complexities of quantum physics, history, politics, philosophy and human relationships. It's an excellent and thought-provoking piece of work.

The reading of Act I will be given by Bert Schwarzschild as Niels Bohr, Sara Schechner as Bohr's wife, Margrethe, and Phil Schewe as Werner Heisenberg. Schwarzschild and Schewe are physicists and professional and semiprofessional actors. Schechner is an associate of the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science (CHPS) and a historian of physics.

This event is sponsored by the CHPS, the Institute for Physical Science and Technology and the physics department. There are 2 messages totalling 48 lines in this issue.



Golf Clinic

The University of Maryland Golf Course's PGA Professional Jamie Salyer is offering a five-week beginner golf clinic each Thursday beginning May 18, from 5-7 p.m. Swing fundamentals, playing, short game, golf etiquette and video analysis will be covered during the series.

The cost is \$170. To sign up call the University of Maryland Golf Shop at 403-4299.

four other women to work in the coastal Bhal region of Gujarat. Utthan works in resource-poor rural areas and seeks to ensure that natural resources are used in a sustainable manner that improves the socio-political situation of rural residents, particularly the most exploited.

Utthan encourages community participation, especially by women. Their ultimate goal is to develop self-reliant local groups that can solve development issues on their own.

opportunity, e-mail Thomas Steen at tsteen@deans.umd.edu. Include a local/campus mailing address to which an information and sign-up packet may be sent.

University Archives Relocation

The University Archives will be moving to renovated facilities in Hornbake Library. The actual move date has not yet been determined, but the relocation will occur between August 2000 and January 2001. In order to prepare